

Caracalla & his retinue proceeded eastwards, through Dacia & Thracia into Asia Minor.

On the march through Thracia he suddenly became Alexander! Caracalla kept numerous elephants in his entourage in imitation of Alexander. Statues of Alexander were ordered for Rome and other cities.

He visited Troy and visited the supposed

trunk of Achilles, which he decorated with  
garlands and flowers.

10 MAY 214

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Clodius II was born in  
Illyricum.

Corocalla toured Danube provinces  
and Asia Minor. He visited Troy.

9 Sept 214

LUCIUS DOMITIUS AURELIANUS, the future emperor Aurelian was born probably 9 Sept 214 in province of MOESIA (later DACIA RIPPENSIS) in the northern Balkans.

His father was a Tenant farmer of a wealthy senator Aurelius, after whom the family was named. Aurelian chose a military career and rose through the ranks serving with distinction on the Danube.

frontier under Gallienus & Claudius II

As emperor Aurelian showed himself an energetic and able commander, but gained reputation for severity.

He spared the lives of TETRICUS and ZENOBIA; Kept strict discipline in the Army; took steps to stamp out extortion and corruption among his officials.

He wanted to create a more distant dignity for the imperial office styling himself 'deus et dominus', 'god and lord'.

214-215

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The winter of 214-215 was spent at  
NICOMEDIA in north-west Asia Minor.